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For: **NOVEL HYDROXY-6-HETEROARYLPHENANTHRIDINES AND THEIR USE AS PDE4 INHIBITORS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-24, 26 and 29-30, cancel claims 25 and 27-28 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein and add new claim 31, as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 1, line 1 as outlined in Appendix B, attached herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please enter the Abstract of the Disclosure as outlined in